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Dear Willie

I just received your wire, and decided to write you instead of wiring as there was so much to say. First of all I wrote you ages ago and asked you to see if we were going to be able to play in Norfolk and vicinity. I guess it seemed to you I was writing too early, and too I heard you had sickness in the family, but for some reason you did not answer.

Now the baseball is something you have to begin to work on way in advance, this year it was even more uncertain than ever. I had really decided you couldn't get any satisfaction from the park, or you were busy doing something else, and could not find time to worry with the baseball. After all there are so many things to do now. However you should have written me one way or the other.

We met in Philly a few weeks ago, and Posey told me he had gotten the park in Norfolk for May 11th and 12th, and asked me did we want to go with him, we accepted, as we are playing each other in Newark the 9th. He called me from Pittsburg the other day to say he had gotten Newport news for the 13th, so I wired Joe Miles and got Richmond for the 10th.

Now I am sure if you had gone to the man in Norfolk first he would have given you the preference of the dates, on the other hand The Grays are the big attraction, and everyone wants to make some money, so if the park thought The Grays would draw better, maybe they would have given them the preference anyway. I think Posey is dealing with Lem Graves, and I guess that is due to the fact he had such good luck with Art Carter in Washington. I haven't been able to get chance to talk to Posey since the Norfolk dates were made, so I don't know what his plans are, but I do know they gave us Easter Sunday in Washington, and are giving us the opening night May 20th, and I don't want to get in a fight with him at this time. If we come back to Norfolk later we will of course deal with you, and ask you to get the dates and take care of the games for us. In the meantime we will just have to see what happens.

Sincerely Effa